WHICH FIRES REQUIRE PERMITS?

Permits are required for fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, portable fire receptacles, and stationary barbecues (including chimineas for the purpose of cooking or obtaining warmth, provided the appliance is used on the property of the resident or in a public location approved by the authority having jurisdiction).

FINES FOR CONTRAVENTION OF BYLAW

First Offence	$200
Second Offence	$500
Third Offence	Removal of fire pit and burning privileges.

FIRE PIT PERMIT FEE

There is a one-time fee of $50.00 for a fire pit permit which enables the municipality to monitor types of construction. The permit remains with the property.

If you require a permit, contact the Town Office at 780.372.3911, admin@townofbashaw.com, or in person at 5011 52 Avenue.

Top 10 violations of the By-law:

- **Improper Materials** — burning anything but clean, dry firewood
- **Nuisance** — smoke bothering neighbours
- **Combustibles** — fire less than 3 metres from combustibles
- **Permitted Hours** — igniting fire between 1 am and 8 am
- **No Container** — OR fire outside container
- **No Permit** — failure to obtain fire permit
- **Water** — no extinguishing agent
- **Fire Size** — flame exceeds 1 metre in height
- **Noxious** — burning toxic materials
- **Unattended** — fire left unsupervised

Find the bylaw at townofbashaw.com.

If you have a concern about a fire pit:

- Discuss the concern directly with the property owner
- If you cannot resolve the issue through communication, record the address of the violation and a description of the problem
- Contact the Town to fill out the Bylaw Complaint Form with complete details
- The file will be turned over to the Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer who may then issue a warning notice with directions to remedy the problem within a specified time frame

If you believe a burning fire is dangerous, call 911.

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Burn Responsibly

It's the Law

TOWN OF BASHAW

FIRE PIT REGULATIONS

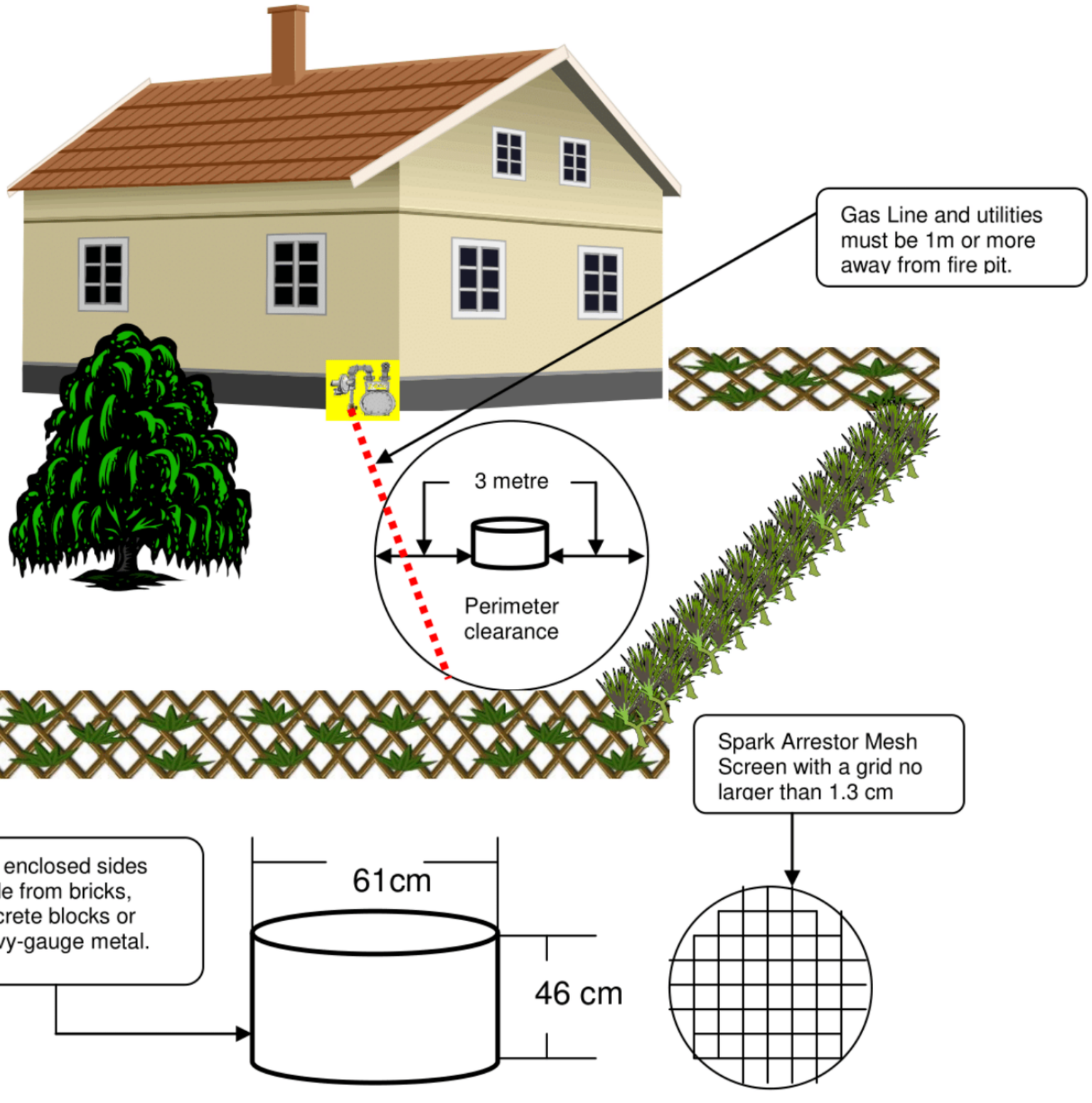
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Schedule B

The Town of Bashaw Fire Pit Permit Bylaw regulates when, where, and how you can have outdoor fires. Following the regulations ensures you do not create a nuisance for neighbours. The regulations stipulate restrictions including the hours open burning is allowed, the maximum size of a fire, the material that can be burned, and mandatory safety precautions.



FIRE PITS, OUTDOOR FIREPLACES AND STATIONARY BARBECUES

(INCLUDING CHIMINEAS & PORTABLE FIRE PITS)



Fire pits, outdoor fireplaces, barbecue pits, portable fire receptacles or structures must meet the following requirements:

(a) A minimum of 3.0 metres (10 feet) clearance shall be maintained from buildings, property lines, and combustible materials or as approved by the Authority having jurisdiction.

(b) Gas lines and utilities must be 1 metre or more away from fire pit.

(c) Installations shall have a surface or cooking area not exceeding 1 meter (3.3 feet) at its widest point, enclosed sides must be a minimum of 30 centimetres (12 inches) above ground and not exceed 46 centimetres (18 inches) above ground level, and shall be constructed of bricks, concrete blocks, heavy gauge metal, or other suitable non-combustible components and shall be constructed on a non-combustible base.

(d) A spark arrestor mesh screen of 1.30 centimetres (.50 inch) expanded metal (or equivalent) to contain sparks shall be provided over the fire at all times.

(e) Only clean fuel shall be used (clean, dry wood or charcoal). Refuse or waste matter shall not be burned.

(f) Fires shall be supervised at all times by a competent person 18 years of age or older.

(g) The use of such installations shall ensure that smoke or sparks do not create a nuisance or hazard to neighbours or other properties.

Before starting a fire, check to make sure there are no fire bans in your area. The Provincial Department of Sustainable Resource Development provides information about every Alberta fire ban at albertafirebans.ca.